Title 7. Harbors and Navigation, Division 2. State Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun

Article 3. Officers, Committees, Employees

Adopt new section 211.5 to read:

Section 211.5. Commission Investigator Minimum Standards

- (a) To be eligible to be a Commission Investigator, an applicant shall meet at least two of the following minimum requirements:
- (1) Possess or have possessed a United States Coast Guard license as Master of Ocean, Near Coastal or Inland vessels of any gross tons and shall have served at least two years as Master under the authority of that license.
- (2) Possess or have possessed a United States Coast Guard license as Chief Engineer, unlimited horsepower, of steam or motor vessels and shall have served at least two years as Chief Engineer under the authority of that license.
- (3) Education equivalent to a 4-year degree from a maritime academy.
- (4) Possess or have possessed a license or endorsement as first class pilot to serve as pilot from sea to the Golden Gate Bridge or any route or subroute on waters east of the Golden Gate Bridge issued by the U.S. Coast Guard pursuant to 46 CFR Section 10.701 and Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection San Francisco Bay Instruction 16271 or successor thereto.
- (5) Three years experience in shipboard duties as chief mate or first assistant engineer, and two years experience as a marine superintendent, port engineer or equivalent.
- (6) Three years experience as a senior marine Coast Guard investigating officer in charge of the investigation division of a Marine Safety Office or Sector Command who retired with the rank of Commander or above.
- (7) For purposes of complying with the service requirements in the above subsections (a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(5), a year shall mean a minimum of 360 days performing the required duties of the position.
- (b) All applicants shall also meet one of the following requirements:
- (1) Two years experience in either marine investigations or shipboard experience that includes marine investigations, or

- (2) Thirty or more hours of training in marine incident investigation, from a marine investigation training program.
- (c) A Commission Investigator shall be required to possess a current Transportation Worker Identification Credential as a condition of employment or contracting.

Note: Authority cited: Section 1154, Harbors and Navigation Code. Reference: Section 1156, Harbors and Navigation Code.